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Subject: Approval of February 2007, *Corrective Action Plan* to Address the Petroleum Release at North Star Aviation - Ravalli County Airport, 210 Airport Road, Hamilton, Montana; Facility ID #99-95007, Release #4414.

Dear Ms. Wiles:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality Petroleum Release Section (DEQ-PRS) received the work plan referenced above prepared by PBS&J on January 31, 2007. The work plan details two rounds of semi-annual groundwater sampling, monitoring well survey, and reporting. The work plan has been approved with the following comments:

- The DEQ does not recommend reimbursement of costs exceeding those submitted and approved with the work plan unless a written amendment is submitted and approved.
- The first groundwater sampling event must be conducted during March to correspond to the seasonal low water table. The second groundwater sampling event should take place in August or September.
- An Abbreviated Report for Groundwater Monitoring (AR-01) must be submitted to the DEQ within 45 days of receipt of the laboratory data from the second groundwater sampling event. The format for the report can be found at the following website:
<http://www.deq.mt.gov/LIUST/TechGuidDocs/techguidlist.asp>
- The work detailed in the above mentioned work plan is only approved until **December 14, 2007**. No additional work is authorized beyond this date.

Be aware that U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Regulation, 29 CFR 1910.120 requires that your consultant or contractor has and maintains a current, and site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) during all field activities at the Facility.

DEQ-PRS must be notified **five (5) working days** prior to conducting the field activities so that a site visit can be scheduled. DEQ-PRS reserves the right to modify this work plan prior to implementation, or to require the use of a different remediation alternative if site conditions change or if additional information becomes available that affects the selection of investigative or remedial alternatives.

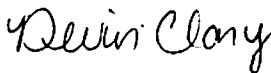
DEQ-PRS requests that the proposed investigation be completed by **December 14, 2007**. DEQ-PRS must be kept notified of any project delays due to weather conditions or access issues. A report, detailing the results of the field and laboratory investigations is due to DEQ-PRS within 45 days after field activities are completed, and the analytical laboratory data is received.

You must contact the DEQ-PRS Project Officer for this site to obtain approval to modify the final approved budget. DEQ-PRS and PTRCB will not authorize any "after the fact" budget changes. DEQ-PRS will recommend that any unauthorized costs, and any costs exceeding those submitted and approved with this work plan, or with any approved amendments thereto, be denied PTRCB reimbursement. Although DEQ-PRS and PTRCB have reviewed this work plan, PTRCB will make the ultimate determination that incurred costs were actual, necessary, and reasonable when a claim is submitted for reimbursement.

PTRCB requires that unit cost claims must include as appropriate: (1) the date of field work; (2) the number of borings advanced and/or the number of groundwater monitoring wells installed; (3) the number of groundwater monitoring wells monitored, and purged and sampled; and, (4) the report date. Failure to submit this information will result in claim suspension and delay of payment until the information is provided.

Please call me at (406) 841-5044 or contact me via email at djclary@mt.gov if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



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